

Social Service PILOT and Comparative Impact Study Committee
Conference Room 2 7:30 PM Memorial Building Framingham, Ma

Minutes

March 9, 2006

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Note: A tape recording of these minutes is available upon request. This meeting has been videotaped

Attendance: Bob Berman, Dawn Harkness, Cynthia Laurora., Laurie Lee, Wes Ritchie, Nick Sanchez, Steve Orr, Jim Palmer absent; John Speranza

Meeting called to order by Chair Berman at 7:30 PM and introduced the guest speaker: Bob Cooper, Director Board of Health, Framingham

Bob Cooper discussed the licenses and permits the Board of Health gives out for the social services. He listed the services Framingham provides for residents.

The group thanked Bob Cooper and said goodbye.

Nick made a motion that the clerk come up with an initial draft of the facts as based on the progress report and prepare all the information available to us.

Jim second

Nick also asked that the speaker who discusses the importance of benefits also prepare a report on that issue. He wanted to take that as a separate motion.

Bob thought it was better if one person did this. Bob said that when once we have the initial draft we can add our individual findings and information.

Wes asked if this was a report including everything: police department responses, etc.

Nick said everything. Whatever is available, If it is available, put it in.

Dawn wanted a listing of what we have gotten back and not included. Then other people can add in what they thought is important. We can start with what Laurie has gathered and that would be great

Vote: 8 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstain

The committee discussed thoughts about the forum with the social service agencies

Discussion of Town Counsel's opinion on the Salvation Army

Motion to take Jim's motion, Motion to accept town counsels opinion regarding the Salvation Army, off table

8 in favor 1 opposed 0 abstain

Yaakov amends to neither accept nor reject town counsels opinion.

Cynthia moved that the we treat the Salvation Army as a two pronged organization: part church and part social service, and that we only include the social service part and not the church part.

Wes second

Dawn moved that we have a roll call vote

Second

Jim called point of order. Too many motions and amendments and he wants to know where we are.

1. Main motion to accept town counsels opinion
2. First amendment that we neither accept nor reject town counsels opinion
3. Amendment to split the SA and look at the social service piece
4. Motion for roll call
5. Yaakov also had a motion that we do not include the SA in the study

Dawn asked if there is another option to record the vote by names. Laurie suggested she could put in people's names and how they voted in the minutes.

Wes moved that the committee adopt a rule on roll call vote. He moves that it be called only with unanimous consent of the committee.

Bob said that goes against the idea of roll call. Minority views are important.

Wes withdrew motion.

Vote on # 4 roll call

3 in favor 5 opposed 1 abstain

Dawn voted for a roll call vote

Jim point of information: how can you have all these amendments on the main motion. Nick said you can have up to three. We have two

Vote on 2: we include the social service aspect of the SA, considering it both a church and an ssa

2 in favor 6 opposed 1 abstain

Dawn and Jim voted against

Vote on 3 we neither accept nor reject town counsel's opinion

4 in favor 5 abstain

Dawn opposed

Vote on Main motion: to accept town counsels opinion on SA

4 in favor 4 opposed 1 abstain

Dawn, Bob, Jim and Laurie voted in favor

Nick moved that we do not include the Salvation Army in the study

8 in favor 1 opposed 0 abstain

Bob asked about the other opinion by town counsel: other locations where there might be a religious institution

The committee agreed that town counsels follow up letter to the clerk clarified the confusion with that and there should not be a problem.

The committee discussed scheduling and speaker visits

Motion to adjourn

5 in favor -2 oppose -2 abstain